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SUBJECT: GOG DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US SHIPPING LINE

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1. NEW YORK OFFICE OF FARRELL LINES STATES TONNAGE FIGURES FOR 1972 AND JANUARY-AUGUST 1973 QUOTED BY UMARCO (REFTEL A) REFER TO COCOA BY-PRODUCTS SUCH AS COCOA LIQUOR, POWDER, AND CAKE AND NOT COCOA BEANS. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO VERIFY FOREGOING BY RECHECKING WITH UMARCO AS FARRELL CLAIMS IT HAS NOT CARRIED ANY COCOA BEANS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1972. IF FARRELL CLAIM IS SUBSTANTIATED, EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED WITH REPRESENTATION AND PRESENTATION OF AIDE MEMOIRE AS OUTLINED REFTEL B. HOWEVER, TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, REVISED AIDE MEMOIRE (REFTEL C) SHOULD BE MODIFIED SO THAT ALL REFERENCES TO COCOA, COCOA EXPORT SHIPMENTS, ETC. INDICATE THAT THE COMMODITY IN QUESTION IS COCOA BEANS, NOT COCOA BY-PRODUCTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH FARRELL STATES IT HAS TRANSPORTED IN LIMITED

AMOUNTS. IF IN CHECKING WITH UMARCO EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO CONFIRM FARRELL STATEMENT, DEPARTMENT WILL PURSUE MATTER WITH FARRELL ET.AL IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY INCONSISTENCY. THEREAFTER, SHOULD DISCREPANCY REMAIN UNRESOLVED, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PROCEEDING WITH MODIFIED AIDE MEMOIRE ALONG LINES OUTLINED BY EMBASSY PARA 2, REFTEL A.

2. ADDITIONALLY, DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER THE 970 TONS SLATED FOR FARRELL IN OCTOBER ARE COCOA BEANS OR COCOA BY-PRODUCTS. IN THE EVENT THIS SHIPMENT CONSISTS OF BEANS AND EMBASSY CONFIRMS FARRELL INFORMATION RE NO BEANS SINCE BEGINNING OF 1972, DEPARTMENT OF THE OPINION AIDE MEMOIRE STILL SHOULD BE PRESENTED AND REPRESENTATION MADE IN ORDER TO 1) INDICATE SERIOUS USG CONCERN ABOUT GOG DISCRIMINATORY POLICY VIS-A-VIS FARRELL AND 2) ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE GOG PLOY, I.E. OF PERIODIC TOKEN SHIPMENTS ON FARRELL, INTENDED TO DEFLECT US DETERMINATION TO OBTAIN EQUITABLE TREATMENT FOR US CARRIERS. KISSINGER

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